

# Health Care Reform Realization Committee

## Vision, Goals, and Guiding Principles

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### ***Vision Statement***

Universal high quality, affordable, integrated care for all Washingtonians through effective implementation of federal health care reform suitable for our state.

### ***Goals***

- Draw on the knowledge, experience and insight from community leaders, small and large business owners, local public officials, and health care providers from across the state.
- Develop specific recommendations to implement federal health care reform, which may include, but not be limited to – legislation, rule making, agency/organization practice, etc.

### ***Guiding Principles***

- **Using federal legislation as a guide, maximize opportunities and—where possible—innovate.** Washington state is a leader in many areas of health care reform, including quality and efficiency, administrative simplification, and coordination between state agencies.
- **Build on the strengths of Washington's existing infrastructure.** Washington state, in both the public and private arenas has already innovated in a number of areas. We should build upon what works and is already in place in our state.
- **Focus on developing state policies and practices to set the intent and direction of reform, including how to convey them throughout the system.** Avoid minutiae that may be better tended to by staff in charge of implementation.
- **Focus on what's achievable.** Federal reform will not address nor solve all of the problems in our health care system. The Realization Committee should work on efforts that are meaningful and can be built upon.
- **Provide opportunities for those with vested interests in the current system to be involved with implementation of reforms.** Interested entities given a voice will be more interested in achieving success.
- **Action through consensus.** Discussion and respectful debate often lead to good outcomes. All voices should be heard and considered and, wherever possible, a consensus decision should be made.